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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To: Licensed Midwives
Birthing Centers
Managed Care Plans
CSO Administrators
Regional Administrators

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**Subject: Update to the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and
Vendor Rate Increase for Licensed Midwives**

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2001 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The Year 2001 additions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) codes;
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes;
- Immunization administration codes; and
- A legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2001 RVUs and clinical laboratory fees, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The funding in the 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

Attached are the following updated replacement pages:

- ✓ 17-20 for MAA's Births in Birthing Centers Billing Instructions, dated September 2000; and
- ✓ F.1-F.4 for MAA's Planned Home Birth Billing Instructions, dated January 1, 2001.

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